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Applicant(s): Joel Howard Schopp  
Assignee: International Business Machines Corporation  
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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office action dated October 31, 2007, having a shortened statutory period expiring January 31, 2008. Applicants respectfully petition for a one month extension of time within which to respond to the outstanding Office Action, such extension allowing the undersigned until February 29, 2008 to respond.

Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.